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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS WITH PHILIPPINE MUSLIM INSURGENTS

REF: A. TRIPOLI 0077

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C. MANILA 0107

1. WE APPRECIATE ALERT REPORTING REF A CONCERNING VISIT
OF AL-TOHAMY AND "MARCOS AIDE" TO TRIPOLI. HOWEVER,
WE KNOW OF NO MARCOS COUNSELOR WITH NAME GENESTO
VENTURA AND THERE IS NO ONE WITH NAME REMOTELY RESEMBLING
VENTURA PHONETICALLY WHO IS ON CURRENT MID-EAST TRIP
WITH MELCHOR.

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2. ON OTHER HAND, IF INFORMATION REF B IS CORRECT AND ONLY "SECOND-LEVEL" MNLF TYPES ARE IN JIDDA, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT VISIT TO TRIPOLI IS ACTUALLY VISIT TO NUR MISUARI, WHO SEEMS TO FIND LIBYA MORE CONGENIAL THAN SAUDI ARABIA. IN THAT INSTANCE, WE WOULD SPECULATE THAT "VENTURA" IS ACTUALLY MELCHOR HIMSELF, WHO HAS ADOPTED THE ALIAS IN ORDER NOT RPT NOT ADVERTISE FACT THAT MOUNTAIN HAS HAD TO GO TO MOHAMMED.

3. IT WILL BE RECALLED FROM REF C THAT MELCHOR HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID HE WAS PREPARED GO ELSEWHERE IN MID-EAST TO MEET MISUARI IF LATTER NOT IN JIDDA. THIS MEETING IN TRIPOLI MAY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED IN ADVANCE, IN VIEW OF MARCOS ASSURANCE THAT MISUARI WOULD MEET WITH MELCHOR. IT MAY ALSO MEAN THAT SOME PRELIMINARY PROGRESS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE IN JIDDA AT LOWER LEVEL TALKS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUING REPORTS FROM TRIPOLI AND JIDDA AS TALKS DEVELOP. PHIL EMBASSY JIDDA MAY BE ABLE CONFIRM OUR SPECULATION ON IDENTITY MR. VENTURA. SULLIVAN

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